

# Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums 2020 Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER 2020

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**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: Lost Towns of Northwest Ohio.*** 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, walk back in time as Gilbert explores the lost towns of Northwest Ohio. The rise and fall of many of these localities were based on transportation, employment and location. Discover the circumstances surrounding the success and failure of various locations throughout the area. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sessions will be live online only through

Go To Meeting, an online meeting format. A link to each session for which participants register will be emailed to participants by the Thursday before the session. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org). Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12 and 26 and Oct. 10, 17 and 24. **History Roundtable is sponsored by an anonymous donor.**

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 – *Verandah Concert.*** 7-8 p.m. Free. This concert series highlights a variety of genres performed by musicians from around the region. This week, Bridge County Bluegrass Band will play bluegrass music. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets and choose their favorite spot on the expansive and shady lawn in front of the home. If there are thunderstorms on concert night, the event will be canceled. Updates will be available at 419-332-2081, [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org) and on Facebook and Twitter at [@rbhayespres](https://twitter.com/rbhayespres). **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union.** *Additional funding by Mosser Construction and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.*

**Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: News media and the American Presidency.*** 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, he discusses the influence of news media on the American Presidency. The news media has the potential to influence the American presidency in a variety of ways. Through the use of T.V., newspaper, social networks and radio, the media can shape our perception of presidential hopefuls – both winners and losers. This session will focus on some of the more memorable presidential moments in our nation’s history. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sessions will be live online only through Go To Meeting, an online meeting format. A link to each session for which participants register

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## **OCTOBER 2020**

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**Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 – *Wreath-laying at President Hayes’ tomb.*** 1 p.m. Free. In honor of President Rutherford B. Hayes’ birthday, which is Oct. 4, the president will send U.S. military representatives to lay a wreath at his tomb at Spiegel Grove. The ceremony includes comments by military representatives, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ executive director, the playing of “Taps” and a salute with rifles.

**Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: Native American Burial Grounds***

**& *Township Cemeteries.*** 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, investigate the known and unknown graveyards of our area. Native American and township cemeteries take center stage in this presentation as the unveiling of hidden burial grounds uncover the rich history buried beneath us. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sessions will be live online only through Go To Meeting, an online meeting format. A link to each session for which participants register will be emailed to participants by the Thursday before the session. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org). Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 17 and 24. **History Roundtable is sponsored by an anonymous donor.**

**Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: A History of Fremont City Schools.*** 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. This week, he will discuss Fremont schools. Growth of a school system reflects the evolution of a settlement into a successful community, village, town or city. In 2020, Sandusky County celebrates two-hundred years of education and growth. Celebrate the anniversary with a look at how education has progressed in our community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sessions will be live online only through Go To Meeting, an online meeting format. A link to each session for which participants register will be emailed to participants by the Thursday before the session. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org). Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 10 and 24. **History Roundtable is sponsored by an anonymous donor.**

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – *History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert: A Roadmap of Ohio Ghost Stories.*** 10 to 11:30 a.m. During this popular series, local historian Mike Gilbert will discuss a variety of historical topics. In a continuation of one of the most popular presentations, Gilbert delivers a road map

of Ohio's myths, legend and folklore. New stories concerning Ohio's ghostly past will both enthrall and thrill those brave enough to appear. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sessions will be live online only through Go To Meeting, an online meeting format. A link to each session for which participants register will be emailed to participants by the Thursday before the session. History Roundtable is offered on six Saturdays in September and October. Cost is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. To better accommodate demand, pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all sessions and can be done by contacting Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org). Payment can be made to Mayle with cash, check or credit card. Other sessions are Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 10 and 17. **History Roundtable is sponsored by an anonymous donor.**

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – Kids Days @ Hayes: Civil War Camp.** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids will experience what life was like in a Civil War camp. They will interact with and witness historical demonstrations by Civil War reenactors. Cost is \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. There is no charge for adults who bring kids to this program. RSVPs are required and must be made by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. They can be made online at <https://www.rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/kids-days-hayes-civil-war-camp/> or by contacting Education Coordinator Joan Eardly at [jeardly@rbhayes.org](mailto:jeardly@rbhayes.org) or 419-332-2081. **Event sponsor is Mosser Construction.**

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – Civil War Winter Camp.** Times and price TBA. Experience what life was like for President Rutherford B. Hayes' Civil War regiment while it camped for the winter. Civil War reenactors will give free infantry demonstrations on the Hayes Presidential grounds, called Spiegel Grove. They also will offer afternoon and evening tours of a Civil War winter camp based on the winter camps of President Hayes' regiment, the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The experience will include female reenactors portraying women's involvement in the effort on the home front. Tours require purchasing tickets. Between battles, troops often spent time marching and preparing to fight. During the winter months, they would make a semi-permanent camp to await warmer weather and combat. Hayes' regiment spent its winters camping in what is today West Virginia. First Lady Lucy Hayes and the Hayes children often visited the camps, where Lucy would tend to soldiers, mend their uniforms and provide needed support. Hayes Presidential has constructed huts like those used in

winter camp at the back of the Spiegel Grove for this event. **Sponsored by Dr. Carlos A. DeCarvalho and Mrs. Carol L. Greenberg.** *Additional funding by The Andersons and VFW, Fremont Post 2947.*

**Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 – Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove.** 7 – 10 p.m. Visitors with paid tickets will have a frightful night with a lantern walk through Spiegel Grove while guides share regional ghost stories. Guests can come and face their fears as frightening tales will be told beneath the nighttime sky while walking through the wooded grounds. Take your picture with "spirits," enjoy s'mores at the campfire and more. Tickets will be sold at [rbhayes.org/events](http://rbhayes.org/events).

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**Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 – Thanksgiving.** All facilities closed.

**Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 – Opening of Hayes Train Special model train display.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian holiday scene. Interactive buttons allow visitors to control aspects of the trains' movements

along the winding, multi-tiered, 12x24-foot layout. Access to the Hayes Train Special is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free. **Sponsored by the Croghan Colonial Bank and the Gordon W. Knight Family.**

## **DECEMBER 2020**

**Now through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 – Hayes Train Special model train display.** This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian holiday scene. Interactive buttons allow visitors to control aspects of the trains' movements along the winding, multi-tiered, 12x24-foot layout. Access to the Hayes Train Special is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free **Sponsored by the Croghan Colonial Bank and the Gordon W. Knight Family.**

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**Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 – A Presidential Christmas at Spiegel Grove: Tree Lighting, sleigh rides and “Hayes Train Special.”** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. New this year, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will decorate one of its large pine trees in a nod to the White House Christmas tree. The tree lighting is

at 5:30 p.m. on the grounds. Refreshments will be served in the museum auditorium. The tree lighting and refreshments are free. Horse-drawn sleigh rides will be offered from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Rides are \$5.50 per person ages 3 and older and free for riders 2 and younger. Rides are by South Creek Clydesdales. The museum and “Hayes Train Special” model train display will be open to visitors until 8 p.m. Admission to the museum, which includes access to the “Hayes Train Special,” is \$13 for adults, \$10 for teens 13-18, \$5 for kids 6-12 and free for kids 5 and younger. An admission coupon will be posted at rbhayes.org. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free.

**Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve.** The Hayes Home and museum are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is closed.

**Friday, Dec. 25, 2020 – Christmas.** All facilities closed.

## **JANUARY 2021**

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**Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 – New Year’s Day.** All facilities closed.

**Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 – Model Train Clinic.** 1-4 p.m. To wrap up the holiday season, bring your model train for some attention from train hobbyists to the Model Train Clinic. They’ll assist you with advice related to model train maintenance and repair, as well as estimate the value of older model trains. The clinic is included with discounted adult museum-only admission of \$10 on Saturday, Jan. 2, or with a site pass that includes the museum and Hayes Home. The discounted adult museum-only admission is available all day on Jan. 2. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free. Kids 6-12 are admitted for \$5, which includes access to the museum and to tour the home. Kids 5 and younger are admitted for free. Those who bring trains also can run their trains on the “Hayes Train Special” track. The track fits standard, O-gauge and G-gauge trains. In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be canceled.

***NOTE: Events are subject to change. For updates, call 419-332-2081 or visit [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).***

***Calendar last updated Sept. 14, 2020.***